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ANNUAL REPORT

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Treasurer's Report.

GEORGE W. PRICHARD, treasurer of the town of Loudon, in
account with said town, for the year ending March 1,
1886, Dr.

To cash balance in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1885,	\$1,830.28
To received of selectmen,	2,963.80
" collector of 1883,	13.25
" " 1884,	105.19
" " 1885,	4,960.00
	\$9,872.52

TOWN TREASURER.

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By paid interest on town bonds,	\$824.00
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EXPENSES OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid E. H. Robinson, bridge plank,	\$36.58
Alvah L. Morse, railing on bridge,	2.25
Samuel N. Cate, stringers and labor, on bridge,	1.75
James B. Brown, labor on highway,	3.75
Henry W. Coleman, "	5.29
Abial C. Ordway, for lumber and labor on highway,	2.75
John F. Green, labor on highway,	25.87
Jeremiah L. Perkins, "	21.25
Alvah L. Morse, "	3.54
John S. R. Brown, "	2.50
William B. Smith, labor on bridge,	2.00
Nathaniel D. Clough, "	5.25

Paid Henry W. Coleman, for lumber and labor on bridge,	12.07
Jeremiah C. Sanborn, for lumber and labor on bridge	13.68
J. S. R. Brown, winter repairs on highway,	7.80
Silver A. Rand, “	1.42
Joseph D. Sargent, “	7.72
Warren H. Moses, “	7.50
Alvah L. Morse, “	2.03
E. G. Sargent, “	4.00
John B. Perkins, “ 1884-'85	7.71
John C. Barnard, “ “	8.10
Henry T. Carr, “	.75
John L. Buswell, “	7.50
Caleb D. Marston, “	11.87
William L. Hill, “	2.88
William H. Sanborn, “	2.84
John S. R. Brown, labor on highway,	10.12
Levi Pearl, “	1.75
Henry J. Osgood, “	5.50
William H. Sanborn, “	3.00
William W. Cate, “	9.50
Herbert B. French, for lumber and labor on bridge,	17.20
E. G. Sargent, for labor on bridges,	5.00
H. F. Fletcher, for labor and lumber on bridges,	12.54
Cyrus Peaslee, for bridge plank and labor,	3.00
James D. Pease, for bridge plank,	4.71
George W. Peverly, “	4.66
	\$287.63

AID TO THE COUNTY POOR.

Paid for support of Mrs. William Willard,	\$65.00
John Whitney,	52.50

Paid for support of Richard Sargent,	76.65
Mrs. Almira Rogers,	52.00
John A. Smith and family,	51.63
Mrs. F. McKenzie and children,	14.00
James Sargent,	18.82
Charles M. Blaisdell,	40.91
Transient poor,	11.85
Moses Flanders,	49.75
Charles Smith,	42.00
	\$475.11

AID TO THE TOWN POOR.

Paid for support of Daniel Tasker,	\$15.80
Mrs. Alexader Moody,	18.24
services of selectmen of poor,	35.00
services of teams of same,	15.00
	\$84.04

DAMAGE BY DOGS IN 1883-4.

Paid John L. Wiggin,	\$6.00
Robert McConnell,	15.00
	\$21.00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

Paid State tax,	\$1416.00
County tax,	1370.11
Amount school orders,	1478.72
Interest on school fund,	94.07
Town Reports,	20.00
Alvah L. Morse, damage to plow,	2.00
Daniel L. Moore, school house tax, Dist. No. 12,	83.00
Kendell C. Neal,	7, 62.00
William W. Cate,	13, 15.00
Counsel fees,	10.00

Paid Auditing accounts,	4.00
J. B. Sanborn, for books and stationery,	18.03
Henry J. Osgood, repairing burying-ground gate,	2.50
Levi Clark, M. D., returns of births and deaths,	2.50
A. S. Bronson, M. D.,	1.00
N. T. Clark, M. D.,	2.50
Betsey A. McKerley, return of births,	.75
J. E. Sanborn, one-half cord wood,	2.00
George Jackson, for damage done to car- riage on Shaw road,	16.50
Mrs. Henry J. Osgood, cleaning town hall,	3.00
Henry C. Morse, furnishing guide-boards,	7.50
J. E. Sanborn, non-resident tax, worked,	4.00
Albert S. Green,	.50
William W. Cate,	4.50
John L. Buswell,	5.70
Amos F. Currier,	6.51
John S. R. Brown,	6.40
Warren H. Moses,	5.25
John F. Payne,	1.75
Henry J. Osgood,	1.20
Walter B. Maynard,	30.40
John B. Perkins,	13.25
Jeremiah L. Perkins,	7.00
John L. Buswell,	3.50
John F. Green,	6.20
Alvah L. Morse,	.90
Obed Kempton,	9.30
Henry W. Coleman,	8.00
James D. Pease,	6.84
Rufus D. Maxfield,	.80
Selectmen, bounty on woodchucks,	73.00
Mrs. B. Cate, board of town officers,	25.00
Charles Hardon, 1 set of school charts,	10.00

Paid George W. Prichard, services as town treasurer,	50.00
N. D. Clough, for collecting taxes,	33.73
Alvah L. Morse, services as town clerk in 1885,	36.00
Services of selectmen in town business,	248.00
Selectmen, services of teams in town business,	45.00
Henry J. Osgood, services as supt. school committee for the year 1885-6,	56.20
Selectmen, balance of 1884 account,	15.00
Amos H. Copp, services as supervisor,	20.00
R. B. Foster, services as moderator,	3.00
Elisha Piper, police service in 1884-'85,	10.00
	\$5,358.11

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Whole amount received in cash,	\$9,872.52
Paid interest on bonds,	\$824.00
Highways and bridges,	287.63
Aid to the poor,	559.15
Damage by dogs,	21.00
Miscellaneous account,	5,358.11
Whole amount paid out,	\$7,049.89
Deposited in Loan and Trust Savings Bank,	500.00
Total expenditures,	7,549.89
Cash balance in hands of treasurer,	\$2,322.63
Amount deposited in Pittsfield Savings Bank,	1,296.00
Accrued Interest,	47.52
Amount deposited in Loan and Trust Savings Bank,	515.00
Accrued interest	30.00
Balance in favor of town,	\$4,211.15

GEORGE W. PRICHARD, Town Treasurer.

Selectmen's Report.

TO THE CITIZENS OF LOUDON:—

The selectmen respectfully submit the following report,
for the year ending March 1st, 1886 :

RECEIPTS.

Received of the state treasurer, bounty on woodchucks,	\$73.00
Received of the state treasurer, bounty on crows,	31.50
“ literary fund,	161.65
“ railroad tax,	150.21
“ savings bank tax,	1,978.26
Merrimack county, support of paupers,	461.98
Received on pension of Charles F. Smith,	13.13
Interest on school fund,	94.07
Total,	<u>\$2,963.80</u>
Paid town treasurer,	\$2,963.80

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

INDEBTEDNESS.

Due sundry individuals, on town bonds,	\$21,000.00
Accrued interest on the same,	156.00
Amount of indebtedness,	<u>—————\$21,156.00</u>

AVAILS.

Amount deposited in Pittsfield Savings Bank,	\$1,296.00
Accrued interest on the same,	47.52
Amount deposited in Loan and Trust Savings Bank,	515.00

Accrued interest on the same,	30.00	
Cash balance in hands of treasurer,	2,322.63	
Amount of cash avails,	—————	\$4,211.15

OTHER AVAILS.

Due from collector of 1885,	\$281.74	
“ 1884,	100.00	
“ the U.S., installments of bounty,	1,523.00	
Value of derrick,	75.00	
Total avails,	—————	\$6,190.89
Balance of indebtedness,		14,965.11
Reduction on indebtedness,		1,126.88
Amount of dog tax, 1885,	\$50.00	
“ 1886,	60.00	

WILLIAM W. CATE,	} Selectmen of London.
HORACE F. FLETCHER,	
ELBRIDGE G. SARGENT,	

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

ABIAL H. CLOUGH,	} Auditors.
JOHN F. ORDWAY,	

London, March 1st, 1886.

Report of the Agent of the Fernald Fund.

Amount received of selectmen, Jan. 1st, 1881,	\$464.37
Jan. 1, 1881. Paid by order of the selectmen,	34.42
Jan. 1, 1881. Amount in hands of agent,	429.95
Interest from Jan. 1, 1881, to Jan. 1, 1882,	17.20
Jan. 1, 1882. Amount in hands of agent,	447.15
“ Paid by order of selectmen,	18.75
“ Amount in hands of agent,	428.40
Interest from Jan. 1, 1882, to Jan. 1, 1883,	17.13
Jan. 1, 1883. Amount in hands of agent,	445.53
Jan. 1, 1883. Paid by order of selectmen,	17.70
“ Amount in hands of agent,	427.83
Interest from Jan. 1, 1883, to Jan. 1, 1884,	17.11
Jan. 1, 1884. Amount,	444.94
“ Paid by order of selectmen,	18.00
“ Amount,	426.94
Interest from Jan. 1, 1884, to Jan. 1, 1885,	17.07
Jan. 1, 1885. Amount,	444.01
“ Paid by order of selectmen,	17.85
“ Amount,	426.16
Interest from Jan. 1, 1885, to Jan. 1, 1886,	17.04
Jan. 1, 1886. Amount,	443.20
“ Paid by order of selectmen,	21.35
“ Amount,	421.85

JOHN L. BUSWELL, Agent of the Fernald Fund.

March 1st, 1886.

Report of the Superintending School Committee.

To the citizens of Loudon :

The district schools in town, whose work during the past year it is my duty to report, has generally been well taught and managed by the different teachers who had charge of them. The choice of teachers made by the different prudential committees of the districts has, in most instances, been judicious and wise, and has resulted in great success and good improvement. In each of the large districts, teachers of ability and great practical experience were engaged, which has resulted in the elevation of the system of public instruction, which it is our duty to support and maintain.

The teachers engaged were persons of good character, and were examples of virtuous and moral principles during the time in which they were engaged in the discharge of their duties as instructors of the scholars of our town.

Discipline and good order have generally been firmly maintained in every school. Whispering without permission of the teacher has been nearly eradicated. It has cost the teachers many severe trials and much hard labor to accomplish such favorable results, which will be very beneficial to future terms in every district. The universal rule should be, *none allowable in any case, without permission.*

The smaller schools have been encouraged and improved, although some of them have been under the management of teachers with less experience, practically, than the large districts. With the facilities which they have for schooling, and the great interest manifest for the children in these districts, the existing school relations ought not to be disturbed for the ensuing year to a great extent. One who will interest himself in their welfare and condition will frequently find in them some of the quickest and best scholars of any of the schools in our town. Under the new school law, it would be judicious to increase the wages of the teachers of

small schools, as they are now classed for school purposes, without shortening the length of the terms materially.

The length of the several terms, as managed by the different prudential committees, has been greater than usual, the longest term being thirty weeks and the shortest nearly eighteen.

The law providing for the raising of the school money in town is imperative as well as liberal, and the amount appropriated appears to be ample for the present, at least.

In accordance with custom, a report in detail will be made of the several schools which have been under the charge of the school superintendent during the year.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

JOHN L. BUSWELL, Prudential Committee; Teacher, Miss Lilla A. Merrill of Pittsfield.—Three terms were taught by this teacher amounting to twenty-eight weeks. This school was well taught and was a success. It was one of labor, and its duties and cares were incessant. Satisfactory progress was made by all in every branch taught. The closing examinations of all the terms were fully attended and were highly interesting. Rules and principles were taught in connection with each other and were well understood. Writing was attended to by fourteen scholars.

The blackboard exercises were executed with that taste and expression which has characterized this school in former terms. The scholars appeared to have responded with cheerfulness to the duties required by the teacher during the terms. System, method, and good order were noticeable characteristics of the school. The roll of honor bears upon it the names of seventeen scholars. This teacher respected her calling and position, and in return received the respect and obedience of her pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

WILLIE J. ROGERS Prudential Committee.—Miss Lizzie G. Langley of Chichester was teacher of the first and second terms, which was her first attempt as school teacher. She was found to be a quick scholar in her examination of teachers, and succeeded quite well in this school. Good order was maintained during the first term. Her position as teacher in this district was one which re-

quired great energy of purpose, of which she seemed to possess the required amount.

The winter term was engaged by Walter S. Adams of Deerfield who is a graduate of the Derry Academy. He came well recommended, and with a practical experience of more than twenty previous terms in the common, grammar, and high schools in this state. His method of instruction was different from that in use in the schools in this town, and at first it was not very favorably received by the school. As the term advanced, he succeeded in establishing his system. The closing examination of the term was well conducted, no previous preparation appeared, and the scholars were ready to respond cheerfully to the questions asked. The most advanced scholars in town were found in this school. The school room was neat in appearance and orderly. No whispering was noticed or allowed. This teacher succeeded in establishing discipline, although at the cost of much labor and severe trial.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

J. PORTER BACHELDER Prudential Committee.—Miss Roseltha B. Sanborn of Concord taught the first two terms. She was a graduate from Pembroke, and was well fitted for the responsible position of teacher in this large school. She had that noble faculty of imparting instruction to her scholars with great clearness of thought, firmness of manner, and with much pleasantness. The closing exercises in the examination of the first term were instructive and interesting, showing great progress in all the branches taught. After having taught five weeks of the second term, she sickened and died. The sad circumstances connected with her death, as well as the many excellent characteristics with which she was possessed as a teacher, will be long remembered by the parents and scholars of this school district.

The winter term of sixteen weeks was taught by Prof. Otis T. Maxfield of Chichester, the mention of whose name in connection with any school is a guaranty of success. His methods are clear, thorough, and practical, and the best results followed from his teaching this term of school. His personal appearance is commanding, which prompts his pupils not only to fear him, but to respect his commands. Parents have united their efforts with those

of the teacher, the result of which has been great progress in the branches taught, and an unanimity of feeling throughout the district. The prudential committee of this district has discharged his duties with unusual ability and sagacity.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

WALTER N. CLOUGH Prudential Committee.—Miss May A. Williams was teacher of both terms. This was her first school and it was a success. The progress made in all the branches taught, the promptness of the scholars in recitations, and the excellent order of the school room throughout both terms were commendable, and her school will compare favorably with any other in town. Writing was not overlooked or neglected, but made a special exercise. The examination of the last term was very satisfactory to the large number of citizens who were present. Miss Williams possesses the excellent qualities most desirable in a teacher, and should be retained, if possible, for the ensuing year.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

No school has been taught.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

NATHAN C. CLOUGH Prudential Committee.—Miss Susan A. Smith, of Gilmanton, teacher for the year. Miss Smith is a teacher of very large experience, and in managing this school did everything within her power to improve and advance her scholars. Her method of instruction was quite original and largely practical, which made study with her pupils a pleasant and interesting duty. Her very capable management of this school made it a success. She governed with great firmness, tempered with kindness, and received in return the respect of her pupils. The exercises of the examination afforded an excellent exhibition of thorough scholarship. The reading was especially noted for its clearness of tone and great expression. The blackboard exercises were performed with taste and accuracy. Writing received more attention than that of any other school, and great improvement was made. The cares and anxieties of this teacher, both in and out of the school room, were wearing and burdensome. Her aim and hope was for the advance-

ment of her scholars, and a greater unanimity in everything that pertains, at least, to the welfare of the school, among the parents of the district.

A large number of the citizens of the town and district, together with many personal friends of the teacher, were present at the close of the term, several of whom expressed words of gratitude to the teacher for her efforts, and words of commendation to the scholars for their kindness, respect, and good deportment.

The new, well-arranged, and commodious school room in this district, with its improved furniture, blackboards, and mottoes, makes it one of the most desirable in town for school purposes, and reflects much credit upon its citizens.

This teacher should be retained for the ensuing year with increased wages.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

WALTER NEAL, Prudential Committee; Miss Bertha L. Huckins, teacher.—Her first school. The pleasant school room and the agreeable and interesting scholars in this small district make it a most desirable situation for a young teacher. Miss Huckins taught both terms with good success. Thoroughness was one of the good qualities among others that was noticeable. The scholars were studious and diligent in their studies and made good progress. Good order was maintained and the parents have reason to be well satisfied with the management of their school during both of the terms.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

J. R. OSBORNE, Prudential Committee.—Miss Ardena M. Diamond, teacher, who has had other practical experience in teaching. Her best exertions were used in this school to advance, instruct, and benefit those under her charge. Good progress was very apparent at the closing examination. A class of six were listened to with much interest, and evinced the thorough training of the teacher. Good spelling, as well as the recitations in branches taught, were quite pleasing and satisfactory. This school contains young scholars that are very promising and will soon display advanced scholarship. After some of the trials incident to a teacher's life, this teacher reported at the close of the term that the most

friendly and kind feelings existed between herself, scholars, and parents of the district.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

SAMUEL D. HILL, Prudential Committee.—Miss Sarah W. Rowell teacher, under whose management this school has been for the three years past, the result of which is one of the most thorough and best disciplined schools in the town. Perfect unanimity of feeling exists in this district between teacher, scholars, and parents. The school is a model of order, system, and unity in purpose. Progress and advancement is but one of the natural results of this method of instruction in every instance. The examination was pleasing and satisfactory. Writing was taught, and practised by nearly every scholar. The dignity of appearance and purpose in this teacher is worn with ease and grace in all her school duties and commands the respect and confidence of her scholars at all times. She ought to be retained for the ensuing year at greatly enlarged wages.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

ARTHUR DEERING, Prudential Committee; Miss Nellie Winslow of Pittsfield teacher for the year.—This school was finely managed by this teacher. Good progress was apparent in every branch taught. The best of order prevailed and scholars were studious and industrious in every school duty. Some fine scholars were found at the examination. Miss Winslow, as a teacher, is quiet in her movements, dignified in appearance, and pleasant in giving instruction to her pupils, who gave her their respect and confidence. She was engaged for this school because of her known reputation to the Prudential Committee as a teacher. She ought to be retained with increased wages.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

NATHAN MARDEN, Prudential Committee; Miss Hattie M. Hook of Chichester teacher for the year.—This school seems to be decreasing in number of scholars for this year. Miss Hook labored diligently for the advancement of the school with certain circumstances against her. She was a resident of an adjoining district and was intimately known and acquainted with the scholars in this

district, which made the task of governing difficult in some instances. She is a good scholar and used her best efforts in teaching the terms of this district. The result was not wholly satisfactory to herself and others. One fine and advanced scholar, Miss Eva Davis, attended during the term and took the first position in her classes.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

MRS. SARAH L. BACHELDER, Prudential Committee ; Miss Ida B. Sleeper teacher, who was one of considerable experience.—Two fine and advanced scholars were found in this school. Miss Sleeper was very quiet in her management and pleasant in her intercourse with all her pupils. A good examination at the close of the year evinced the fact that thoroughness and attention to the duties of the school were the elements of success in her school. Satisfactory results were attained and the school was one of profit.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

ORIN V. PEARL, Prudential Committee ; Miss Minnie E. Clough teacher.—This is an interesting school. The citizens of this district have thoroughly repaired and painted the outside of their house, while the ladies resident have finely papered and repaired the inside gratuitously. Miss Clough was the teacher for the year, which was her first experience in teaching. No one could have given better satisfaction to the parents and scholars of this district than this teacher. The school was orderly in appearance and quite thorough in the branches that were pursued. Whispering was excluded, and at the examination of the last term, a large part of the scholars were found not to have violated the rule which was adopted by this teacher. Good progress, good advancement, and a good school was the final result.

Miss Clough ought to be retained for the ensuing year at advanced wages.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Ida Hilliard, Lillie Johnson, Lizzie Quint, Mamie Tilton, Maud Tilton, Annie M. Young, Susie Moses, Hattie Sanborn, Abbie J. Buswell, John Bachelder, Willie Moses, Byron Sanborn, Frank Tilton, Arthur Rogers, Nixie Quint, Charlie Moses, Bert Tilton.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Georgie M. Currier, Abbie W. Currier, Georgie E. Ordway, Hattie M. Ordway, Dela B. Ordway, Willie S. Ordway, Stephen P. Foster, George A. Ordway, George W. Rowell.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Della Cate, Blanche Clark, Mabel Mason, Lizzie McKerley, Mamie Marston, Cora Nutting, Effie Ordway, Blanche True, Nellie True, Arthur Haskell, Jesse Hinds, Charles Hillsgrove, Charlie Marston, Charlie Mason, Otto Nutting, Clarence Sargent, Ira Towle, Winnie Hoyt, Lena Hamblet.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Jennie L. M. Cate, John J. Cate, Allie D. F. Woodman, Archie F. Lowe.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Alice M. Clough, Sadie B. Dimond, Inez P. Dimond, Ellen M. Kenney, Maud R. Kenney, Gracie Clough, Earnest R. Peaslee, George W. Mansfield, Oscar G. Smith, Charles H. Drew, Fred S. Drew, Austin B. Peaslee.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

John A. Marsh, Ora D. Osgood, Edith L. Osgood, Mary J. Osgood, Mary A. Green, Scott H. Green.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

John Lake, Julius Lake, Charlie Parker, Ernest Lane, Willie O. Perkins, Alice M. Perkins, Frank E. Lake.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Annie M. Jones, Ida M. Jones, Jennie Marden, Ora F. Marden,
Arthur Wales, Charlie E. Jones, Fred Hook.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Hattie M. Pease, Willie J. Bachelder.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Bertie E. Pearl, Levi A. Pearl, Leonard S. Pearl, John W. Pearl,
James W. McKerley, Charles A. Mudgett.

Statistical Table.

Number of District.	Number of Terms.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Wages per Month.	Weeks of School.	No. of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	No. in Reading.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.	School Money.
1	Sum	Lilla A. Merrill.	\$ 25.00	28	25	22	25	20	9	8	\$ 185.43
	Fall	" "	25.00								
	Win	" "	25.00								
2	Sum	*Lizzie G. Langley.									
	Fall	" "									
3	Win	Walter D. Adams.	50.00	9	25	21	25	20	10	8	185.32
	Sum	Roseltha B. Sanborn.	34.00	15	56	44	45	36	14	4	
	Fall	" "	34.00								
	Win	Otis T. Maxfield.	50.00	15	67	45	67	34	13	7	305.42
4	Sum	May A. Williams.	18.00	22	11	10	11	8	3	6	114.09
	Win	" "	18.00								
6	Sum	Susie A. Smith.	21.00	22	25	25	25	8	12	8	124.74
	Win	" "	21.00								
7	Sum	*Bertha L. Huckins.									93.56
	Win	" "									
8	Sum	Ardena M. Dimond.	16.00	19	14	11	14	12	8	4	76.80
	Win	" "	16.00								
9	Sum	Sarah W. Rowell.	19.00	22	14	13	14	13	9	6	82.62
	Win	" "	19.00								
10	Sum	Nellie Winslow.	22.00	21	11	11	11	4	4	3	62.96
	Win	" "	22.00								
11	Sum	Hattie M. Hook.	22.00	19	23	20	20	21	10	8	62.03
	Win	" "	22.00								
12	Fall	Ida B. Sleeper.	18.00	18	8	7	7	6	2	4	45.03
13	Sum	Minnie E. Clough.	12.00	19	14	11	11	13	4	3	50.15
	Fall	" "	12.00								

* Not reported.

Amount raised by taxation for the schools,	\$1239.00
" of literary fund received,	145.65
Interest on school fund,	94.07
Total school money,	————— \$1478.72

I return my thanks to the citizens of the town for the expressions of confidence received from them during the seven years that the duties of Superintendent of Schools have devolved upon me, and now retire from the position, wishing success to all engaged in the cause of general education.

HENRY J. OSGOOD, Supt.

LOUDON, February 27, 1886.

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